[57]   **ABSTRACT**

A locking method for a system with OSD function is
disclosed, which comprises;

    a procedure of waiting for the lock-function call; a
    procedure of storing and displaying the inputted secret
    code by using the OSD function when the lock-function
    is called; a prodecure of checking whether the system
    is in the locked state after the secret code input is
    completed; a procedure of storing the inputted secret
    code and locking the system if the system is not in
    locked state; a procedure of comparing the inputted
    secret code with the secret code already stored if the
    system is in locked state; a procedure of displaying an
    error message by making use of the OSD function if the
    secret codes don't match each other; and a procedure of
    unlocking the system if the secret codes match each
    other.

The present locking method enables the system already
having an OSD function to lock itself without an additional dis-
play unit by using the OSD function.

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